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Man robs busy movie theatre

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SOUTH END A man waited patiently in line at the box office for several minutes at a south end Cineplex Odeon on Monday afternoon, and then robbed the busy theatre, police said.

Once it was his turn in the line at the theatre near 15 Avenue and 99 Street, the bandit demanded the cash in the till. When the clerk refused, the man snatched a handful of bills and fled, police said.

The suspect is described as a 30-35 years old, five-foot-seven Caucasian with a thick build and a dark full beard.

He wore a grey windbreaker, white pants white running shoes and a black ballcap.

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Not as mini, but still as funky

A saucy Taste of Edmonton? Bodyworlds promotion



Femmy Anton and Audrey Wiersma (right) get more than they bargained for at A Taste of Edmonton in Churchill Square yesterday. Model Howard Kowalchuk, transformed into a Bodyworlds plastinate look-alike by Edmonton artist Edmund Haakonson, stopped by to chat as he promotes the Bodyworlds exhibit at Telus World of Science. See story, Page 2.

9-1-1 calls released in Cooper discovery

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The man who found the body of former Edmontonian Nancy Cooper floating in a storm sewer pond last week frantically told a 9-1-1 operator he was sure she was dead, because of the vultures circling her body.

Two dramatic 9-1-1 recordings were released yesterday by the town of Cary, N.C. In one recording, a man out for a walk with his dog said he'd made a gruesome discovery.

"The reason I know is because of all the vultures," the man said in response to a question about the condition of the woman.

Two days earlier, Cooper's friend Jessica Adam placed a 9-1-1 call, frantic over the disappearance of her friend.

In the call on July 12, Adam said her friend had been missing for six hours, and that her cell phone and car were both at home.

Adam said that her friend's husband, Brad Cooper, claimed she had gone jogging that morning and had not returned.

When asked by the 9-1-1 operator if Brad Cooper ever abused his wife, she confirmed that they were in the middle of a divorce and felt uneasy about the situation.

"Maybe he's done something, God forbid," Adam said. "I don't know that he's been physically violent, but there's been a lot of tension, so I wouldn't be surprised. I hate to say it, but I'm not sure what to do."

The former Edmontonian was

a mother of two children, four-year-old Isabella Cooper, and two-year-old Gabriella Cooper.

Last week, Nancy's parents and twin sister filed an emergency custody order, in which they claimed her husband hadn't reported her disappearance to her family or the police.

They also claimed he is mentally unstable and poses a physical threat to the children.

Temporary custody of the girls was granted to their grandparents and aunt.

Police have not named any suspects, and a cause of death has not yet been released.



Nancy Cooper

Cannonball Doug to make national splash

FINALS Edmonton's "Cannonball Doug" Bergman has jumped into the Trident Splash National Cannonball Championship in Toronto.

Bergmann outsplashed all 12 competitors yesterday at the Calgary Regional Cannonball Qualifier at Talisman Centre. His costumes included a pink tutu and lederhosen.

The national cannonball championship is set for Aug. 13 and Cannonball Doug aims to improve on his second-place finish last year.



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Alberta was the only province in Canada to show a decline in consumer spending between May of 2007 and 2008. Last year, consumers shelled out \$5.142 billion in retail goods, but cut back in 2008, only spending \$5.105 billion at cash registers. **METRO EDMONTON**

Local



Oilers car ready to go

Rexall Place and the Edmonton Oilers will have a branded car zipping around the Indy track this weekend in a blaze of copper and blue, driven by award-winning driver Graham Rahal, left. The car will be unveiled today at the Edmonton Indy track.



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City streets built with asbestos

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ASPHALT There is asbestos in the asphalt on city streets under our feet, but officials aren't sure exactly where.

"The City of Edmonton did use asbestos back in the '70s," said pavement management engineer Al Cepas. "I guess at the time they thought it would give the pavements more durability and more life, but because it's become an environmental hazard nobody's studied the effects that much."

Cepas said that a number of roads in the city were mixed with asbestos, but that there were no records kept of which roads, how much asbestos was used, or where they are in the city.

"We don't have enough knowledge to know that. Basically it was done by the previous generation of civic management. When I came on stream in 1980, it was out of practice, and only the old-timers knew exactly what they did with it."

There isn't much concern about asbestos posing a health risk to construction crews that may need to tear up roadways, because when it mixes with asphalt, it's no longer airborne, Cepas said.



Al Cepas, pavement expert with the City of Edmonton, stands with the newly acquired ARAN road monitoring van yesterday at Jasper Avenue and 84 street.

New tool will pave the way for repairs

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ROADS City officials have a new tool that will now tell us just how rotten our roads actually are.

In a few weeks, Edmonton will be the first city in Canada to use an Automatic Road Analyzer (ARAN), a van uses lasers at up to 100 km/h to determine where roads are falling apart.

"It's a guessing game without a management system," said pavement management engineer Al Cepas. "We're using it to

decide when we spend millions of dollars to repair roads, we're doing it on the right roads at the right times."

At present, 25 per cent of roads in Edmonton are in poor condition, 38 per cent are in fair condition, and 38 per cent are in good condition. Cepas said rather than fixing a road when it's in terrible condition, it's ideal to get to it right at the cusp of total deterioration.

"We're trying to find those sweet spots," he said, adding that fixing a road at the breaking point costs four to five times more

"We're able to do four times as much road work. You lose the one road that's in bad shape, but you save four others from joining it."

Al Cepas

than at the mid-point. "We're able to do four times as much road work. You lose the one road that's in bad shape, but you save four others from joining it."

Anatomy lesson using art

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Howard Kowalchuk says he's fairly comfortable baring it all, but yesterday, he really let his insides ... hang out.

The male model was recently picked to become "Mr. Anatomy," a living anatomical specimen, with his insides painted to a tee on the surface of his skin.

"I don't know how much people think about their body, but this can be something that people can (learn) about how we work and how our bodies are put together and what they do," said artist Edmund Haakonson, whose work revolves around the human body.

Haakonson jumped at the chance to paint a man from the inside out, in hopes of spreading the awareness of the Body Worlds exhibition, which runs at the Telus World of Science until Oct. 13.

"I would like people to become more curious about the Body Worlds exhibition and anyone that's thinking about it and not yet decided, I'm



Edmonton artist Edmund Haakonson transforms model Howard Kowalchuk into a Body Worlds plastinate look-alike yesterday.

hoping it will guide them toward it. It's an enormous learning opportunity."

After Haakonson painted a full muscular system on Kowalchuk, the two hit the town and opened a few eyes at Churchill Square and Capital EX yesterday afternoon.

"If the rain comes, I'll basically be a melted, plastinated man," Kowalchuk said with a laugh, as his muscular system was meticulously applied to his skin. "It's a great opportunity for people to see the body in a natural state."

"It's a great opportunity for people to see the body in a natural state."

Howard Kowalchuk

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News in brief

DEATH Police in High Prairie are investigating a suspicious death, after a man was found dead outside a home in the Aboriginal Com-

munity of Whitefish Lake. Police were called to a residence around 7 p.m. Sunday, where they found a man laying dead on the ground.

The identity of the victim is not being released, but police are treating the death as suspicious.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Eskis tickets still available

The Edmonton Eskimos battle it out with the B.C. Lions at Commonwealth Stadium next Thursday. Kickoff for the game is at 8 p.m., and tickets are available at 424-ESKS. **METRO EDMONTON**

Capital region shafted by Tory health plan: Taft

Provincial superboard leaving Edmonton out of loop, Liberals say

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The health care system in the Edmonton region is "being punished for its success" by a Tory government focused on jamming all of the province's health regions into one superboard, says Alberta Liberal Leader Kevin Taft.

Taft says the Capital

"Albertans did not vote for this, not once was such a radical re-organization of our public health care system mentioned during the election."

Liberal Leader Kevin Taft

Health region has been known as a strong leader in promoting innovation and expertise.

And Taft says no one from the Capital Region

has been included in Health Minister Ron Liepert's superboard led by two Calgary-based officials.

"This is bad news for

Edmonton and the Capital Region," said Taft.

"Our city no longer has a voice in the decisions that will affect the health of hundreds of thousands of people."

Taft says the region is the best among all authorities in the province because of its close ties with the University of Alberta's medical training and research facilities.

Firing Capital Health

CEO Shelia Weatherill has also harmed the region's chances of attracting top-notch medical experts, Taft claims.

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Health Minister Ron Liepert could not be reached for comment.

New probe rules place onus on cops

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MISCONDUCT Police accused of misconduct will now be forced to provide statements during investigations rather than choosing to opt out of making one after the provincial government made changes in how cases are handled.

"They are sworn police officers and they are there to serve and protect," said Alberta Solicitor General Fred Lindsay during an interview with Metro.

"At the end of an incident, we believe the onus is on them (police) to give a statement."

Police unions across the province, including the Edmonton Police Association,

publicly stated concerns yesterday about whether a forced statement should even be considered as evidence during any disciplinary hearing.

Lindsay said unions might disagree with the move, but in many cases, statements made by officers have come through their lawyers, he says.

"To serve justice properly, we need to have those statements so we can have a better record of exactly what happened during the incident," said Lindsay.

The new changes will also allow a police chief to hear a wider range of disciplinary cases than what was previously possible in order to cut down on a backlog of cases, said Lindsay.

Deluge dampens premier's pancake breakfast

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LIGHTNING Flapjacks flipped by Premier Ed Stelmach at his annual Capital EX breakfast soon turned soggy yesterday morning thanks to a thunder and lightning storm complete with a torrential downpour.

Clouds that loomed before the flapjack feast at the Legislature Grounds opened up as soon as Stelmach finished flipping pancakes and began his address.

Lightning flashed, thunder rolled and Stelmach, along with the hundreds of pancake eaters, took refuge in a tent.

The rain forced some entertainers to pack up sensitive electrical equipment.

Despite the deluge, some stalwart Tories kept making pancakes for hundreds of hungry breakfast goers.

"In Alberta, we know how to improvise, so we all just

pull things together underneath the tent," said Municipal Affairs Minister Ray Danyluk.

While in the tent, the premier shook hands with breakfast goers before being whisked away in a car by his handlers.

Security was noticeable during the event after attempts to pie the premier and then-Premier Ralph Klien at the Calgary Stampede in previous years.

Three women with the Canadian Youth Climate Coalition showed up with signs to protest against Alberta's oilsands production.

"One simple way to conserve energy and water? Leave the oil in the ground," read one sign.

The three claimed they were banned from eating pancakes by security staff.

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Premier Ed Stelmach serves pancakes for his second Capital Ex breakfast at the Legislature grounds yesterday morning.



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Hundreds of Quebec motorists have been ticketed since the province brought in a new law banning the use of hand-held cellphones while driving. Since Canada Day, 34 motorists have been nabbed using cellphones while driving in Gatineau alone. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Canada



Rain-soaked coast

Tropical storm Cristobal hit Nova Scotia hard then moved out to sea yesterday. The southwestern part of Nova Scotia received 160 millimetres of rain. But generally the province was soaked with between 50 to 100 millimetres of rain.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Khawaja 'no terrorist'

Former fiancée testifies at landmark Canadian trial

The former fiancée of accused terrorist Momin Khawaja says he may have longed to fight in Afghanistan and that he praised the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attack on the U.S., but she never considered him an extremist or a terrorist.

"Just because he supports these things in theory is not actually proof of his involvement as such," Zeba Khan told Ontario Superior Court yesterday in a video link-up from Dubai.

Khan told RCMP investi-

gators during a lengthy interview at the Canadian consulate in Dubai on Sept. 19, 2005, that her sister once described Khawaja as a "blowhard" who liked to hear "the sound of his own voice."

Khan told Khawaja's landmark terror trial she saw him as just another angry young Muslim man she hoped to change once they got married, a marriage that didn't happen because Khawaja decided he was a jihadist first and foremost.

"I thought I would mar-

"I thought I would marry him and change him."

Zeba Khan

ry him and change him," said Khan, 28.

Khan said she hoped to rechannel Khawaja's energies away from obsessing about getting even with the West and into something positive, such as humanitarian work.

Khan told the court that Khawaja's behaviour "did not in any way line up to

terrorist activity."

Khawaja, 29, born and raised in Orleans near Ottawa, faces seven terrorism charges, including funding a terrorist group and building an electronic device the Crown alleges was to be used to detonate a 600-kilogram fertilizer bomb.

He was the first person charged in Canada under the Anti-Terrorism Act, passed by Parliament in response to the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks in the United States.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Soldier Sombre homecoming



The body of the latest Canadian soldier to die in Afghanistan arrived back on Canadian soil yesterday. Cpl. James Arnal was killed Friday by a roadside bomb while on foot patrol.

Canada may emulate U.S. mandatory sentences

Inside Ryan Correctional Facility, on Detroit's east side, Donald Larson is serving a life sentence for brokering a cocaine deal set up by a police informant.

It was Larson's first offence. Sixteen years ago when he was sentenced, Michigan's mandatory minimum sentences for drug offences were viewed as the harshest in the nation.

Today, Michigan is lock-up central. Its bloated prison population costs taxpayers \$2 billion US a year, more than the state spends on higher education.

Today, many states are reversing tough-on-crime policies that have put one in 100 adults in America behind bars — the Land of the Free has a higher level of imprisonment than China or Russia. There is growing recognition that public dollars should be diverted to programs that address the social and root causes of crime.

This is happening at a time when Canadian politicians are enacting legislation mandating more mandatory sentences.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



The University of Calgary's Schulich 1 crosses the finish line yesterday afternoon, completing the North American Solar Challenge — a 10-day, 3,862-kilometre trek from Dallas to Calgary. The team finished sixth out of 15 teams. For video of the event, go to www.metronews.ca.

Calgary solar car finishes sixth

NEIL MACKINNON
Metro Canada

A coin toss put Tiffany Veltman in the driver's seat as Schulich 1 blasted down the backstretch, passing hundreds of boisterous, flag-waving Calgary fans.

Veltman, 19, said the driver's seat of the University of Calgary's solar car, which placed sixth out of 15 teams in the North American Solar Challenge that covered almost 4,000 kilometres from Texas to Calgary over 10 days, was more comfortable than it looked and while she enjoyed herself, she said it felt good to be home.

"It didn't quite react to the heat as well as we would have liked, but it all worked out in the end. You really need to test stuff before you go places ... We had some problems."

Schulich 1 driver Tiffany Veltman

"It didn't quite react to the heat as well as we would have liked, but it all worked out in the end," she said. "You really need to test stuff before you go places ... We had some problems."

Heat caused foam to bubble and electronics failed at least once under the sweltering sun required to power the vehicle.

University of Calgary president Harvey Weingarten said the race is a great way to build camaraderie between students from across the globe.

"Students learn more outside of the classroom than they do in it and this is one stellar example of that," he said.

The University of Michigan won the race.

Fallen crane snarls B.C. rush-hour traffic

ANDREA WOO
for Metro Canada

A crane toppled over a major highway in Surrey, B.C., yesterday, snarling traffic and flaring tempers just in time for rush hour.

The mobile crane tipped over the eastbound lane of the Trans-Canada Highway between 152nd and 160th streets near the Port Mann Bridge at about 7:30 a.m.

Police reduced traffic flow to one lane in each di-

rection while they waited for equipment to arrive to remove the crane. West-bound traffic was particularly brutal, with cars backed up into the horizon.

WorkSafeBC dispatched two officers and an engineer to the scene, though a full investigation could take anywhere from weeks to months, according to spokeswoman Donna Freeman.

No one was injured in the incident.

News in brief

TASER A man is dead after being shot with a Taser stun gun by police in Winnipeg yesterday, CBC News Online is reporting. Police received a 9-1-1 call around 4 p.m. and when officers arrived at the location, there was some type of confrontation that resulted in one man being stunned with a Taser, police said.

HEALTH Diabetes experts and advocates were "dancing for

joy" yesterday after the announcement of a three-quarters of a billion dollar strategy they say will improve the lives of some 900,000 Ontarians living with the disease. The four-year, \$741-million plan will provide free insulin pumps for adults with type 1 diabetes, fund surgery for the morbidly obese and create an electronic diabetes registry to help patients manage their disease. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Iraqi journalist shot dead

Gunmen shot dead an Iraqi journalist working for a Kurdish magazine in the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk, police said. Soran Mamahama, 23, was killed outside his home in the multi-ethnic city. **REUTERS**

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World

Britain gets tough on bingers

Britain's drinks industry may face tough new laws to deal with the country's binge-drinking culture, which costs the state health system an estimated 2.7 billion pounds each year, the government warned. Reviews suggest the drinks industry is not sticking to its own voluntary labelling standards and show that alcohol abuse is far more damaging to people's health than thought, the Department of Health said. **REUTERS**

Obama visit brings out bulldozer

MIDEAST A Palestinian rammmed a bulldozer into vehicles on a Jerusalem street yesterday before a visit by U.S. Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama, who condemned the attack and pledged to push for a peace deal.

The attacker wounded at least 16 people, one seriously, before being shot dead just down the road from the hotel where Obama was due to stay. It was the second such incident in Jewish west Jerusalem in three weeks.

"Today's bulldozer attack is a reminder of what Israelis have courageously lived with on a daily basis for far too long," Obama said. "I strongly condemn this attack and will always support Israel in confronting terrorism." **REUTERS**

'Kind man' fooled many

How Radovan Karadzic evaded capture for so long

Radovan Karadzic, one of the world's most wanted men, lived for years in a Belgrade suburb posing as a doctor of alternative medicine, hiding his famous face behind long hair, a bushy beard and thick glasses.

Pictures given to Reuters by people who knew him as his alter ego show his face, ruddy in his heyday as the leader of Bosnian Serb forces, now sunken and shallow. His eyes are dull behind tinted frames.

The trademark salt-and-pepper mane, perfectly coiffed throughout the 1992-95 war, had turned from sleek to frizzy. He wore it in a plaited topknot, pure white mixed with flashes of black.



A combination photo shows Bosnian Serb wartime leader Radovan Karadzic, left, in a recent photo and, right, in February 1995.

He doesn't resemble the politician charged with orchestrating the murder of 8,000 people in Srebrenica and being responsible for the death of 11,000 in the 43-month siege of Sarajevo.

Karadzic lived quietly in New Belgrade, a sprawling suburb of massive, tower blocks that can house dozens of flats. Officials say he used the name Dr. Dragan David Dabic, and made a

living as a practitioner of alternative medicine.

Last October, he showed up at a wellness convention organized by Healthy Life magazine, and introduced himself to the editor as a neuro-psychiatrist who wanted to contribute articles.

That part of his new identity was closest to his old self: Karadzic had studied in Sarajevo and qualified as a psychiatrist specializing in neurosis and depression.

He liked to write, sometimes morbid and surreal poetry, sometimes children's poems.

"He was a kind man, with good manners, quiet and witty," Goran Kojic, the magazine's editor said. **REUTERS**

News in brief

IRAQ U.S. Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama said he was committed to a 16-month timetable for a U.S. military withdrawal from Iraq. Obama was speaking in Jordan as part of a tour of the region.

GUANTANAMO Osama bin Laden's driver was so close to al Qaeda's inner circle, he knew the target of the fourth hijacked jetliner in the Sept. 11 attacks, a prosecutor said in the first Guantanamo war crimes trial.

AFGHANISTAN A senior Taliban commander surrendered to Pakistani authorities and British forces killed another leader yesterday.

WEATHER Dolly, now a hurricane and bore down on Texas, but forecasters don't expect it to pack much of a punch when it comes ashore today. **REUTERS**

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India inches closer to U.S. nuke deal

Government survives confidence vote

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's government won a vote of confidence in parliament yesterday, ensuring the survival of the ruling coalition and a civilian nuclear deal with the United States.

The government said it would now push ahead with the pact, which would give India access to foreign nuclear fuel and technology and end decades of isolation, as well as work towards reforms to liberalize the trillion-dollar economy. "This will send a message to the world at large that India's head and heart is sound, that India is prepared to take its rightful place in the comity of nations," Singh told reporters.

"I have always said the deal was important and now we know it."

The government's joy at its victory was tempered by a bribery scandal, after opposition lawmakers interrupted the debate to wave wads of cash — nearly a quarter of a million dollars — they said were offered as bribes by the government to abstain.

The furor was described as one of the lowest points in parliamentary history, and led to fresh demands for Singh to resign, and



Congress party president Sonia Gandhi greets party supporters at her residence in New Delhi yesterday. India's Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's government won a vote of confidence in parliament yesterday, ensuring the immediate survival of the ruling coalition.

catcalls preventing him from even delivering his concluding remarks after the two-day debate.

Singh said the accusations has made him "extremely sad" and promised to cooperate in a parliamentary inquiry.

The government won more comfortably than expected, by 275 votes to 256 with 10 abstentions.

Investors had expected a narrow win for the government, and said the victory could boost markets.

REUTERS

Better TB screening urged in U.S.

IMMIGRANTS Thousands of immigrants arrive in the United States sick with tuberculosis or at risk for the contagious and deadly disease, which points to the need to improve efforts to find them, researchers said yesterday.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta found the highest rates of tuberculosis among immigrants and refugees born in Sub-Saharan

African countries including Somalia and Ethiopia; from Southeast Asia including Cambodia and Vietnam; and from parts of Latin America such as Peru.

The researchers suggested improving screening efforts among immigrants coming from high-risk countries — who accounted for 4,035 TB cases in the United States in 2006 — before they depart. The alternative is to test and treat them soon after they arrive.

"Our goal should be address this serious health concern in the communities that need it the most," said Dr. Kevin Cain, who conducted the study with colleagues at the CDC. "As long as TB is out of control globally it will be a problem for the United States."

REUTERS

Anglican Church

Bishop foresees woman leader

RELIGION The Anglican Church's most senior woman bishop said she believed that one day the church would be led by a woman Archbishop of Canterbury. "The signposts are pointing in one direction," said Victoria Matthews, for 15 years a bishop in Canada and now moving to minister in Christchurch, New Zealand. "I would be very surprised if it wasn't accepted worldwide," she told Reuters yesterday at the Lambeth Conference, the once-in-a-decade gathering of Anglican bishops from around the globe. "But it would be difficult to say the timeline. A third of Anglican provinces have now given permission for women bishops," she said.

REUTERS

Iranian activist defiant

She has been sentenced to jail twice and her passport has been confiscated, but Parvin Ardalan, a prominent Iranian activist, refuses to give up her struggle for women's rights in the conservative Islamic Republic.

"They want to silence all of us," Ardalan said of the authorities' attitude to campaigners like herself who demand changes to

laws they say discriminate against women.

"They cannot stop me," the outspoken Parvin Ardalan activist and freelance journalist told Reuters in an interview yesterday in her small apartment in



Parvin Ardalan

downtown Tehran, which also serves as her office.

Ardalan, 41, is a leading figure in a campaign to collect one million signatures in support of improving women's rights in Iran, whose government rejects accusations of abuses.

Campaigners say dozens of them have been detained since the drive began in 2006.

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News in brief

MEXICO Five South Korean kidnapped by gangsters in Mexico this week have been released, a South Korean Foreign Ministry official said today. "(We can) confirm that five South Koreans were safely released at 9 a.m. Korean time," a ministry official told reporters. The five were taken captive on Monday in Reynosa.

REUTERS

Billionaire investor sees \$300 oil unless U.S. cuts imports

Oil prices will hit \$300 US a barrel in 10 years if the United States fails to reduce its dependence on foreign imports, billionaire oil investor T. Boone Pickens told U.S. lawmakers yesterday. The U.S. imports nearly 70 per cent of its oil. **REUTERS**

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Business

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Ottawa eyes 2nd auction

The federal government plans to sell off more wireless spectrum in the next year and a half, following a heated auction of airwaves that raised \$4.25 billion and could reshape the mobile phone market.

"There is what I refer to as the 700-series bandwidth," Industry Minister Jim Prentice told reporters. "There is an auction of that which will happen at some point in the future ... it's about 18 months away."

Such an auction could further shake up Canada's wireless landscape by opening up more spectrum to firms other than BCE, Telus and Rogers Communications who cur-

bandwidth

The 700 megahertz airwaves are considered valuable because they can cover long distances and more easily penetrate obstacles such as thick walls and buildings.

rently rule the market.

The auction that ended Monday was a sale of spectrum in the 2 gigahertz range. Prentice said Ottawa has taken steps to avoid "hoarding" by prohibiting new market entrants from selling their spectrum licenses to the three big incumbents for the first five years of the license. **REUTERS**

Plugged in Hybrid conference

Attendees at the 2008 Plug-in Conference and Exposition inspect a plug-in Toyota Prius hybrid vehicle yesterday in San Jose, Calif. About 35 exhibitors are showcasing the latest technological advancements in plug-in hybrid electric vehicles.

Users drive new Xbox games

CREATE Microsoft Corp. will turn to users of its Xbox 360 to create new video games and broaden the types of games available, taking a page out of the strategy books of Facebook and YouTube. It said

yesterday it will start selling "user-generated" games later this year on its online Xbox Live service and share up to 70 per cent of revenue with the game developer.

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Research Study for Type 2 Diabetes Controlled Through Diet and Exercise Participants Needed

What is the goal of the study?

The goal of the study is to test the safety of a new oral medication to treat diabetes.

Who can enter the study?

Persons with type 2 diabetes who: are currently managing their diabetes through diet and exercise; are between the ages of 31-75 years; and have never received insulin therapy. Additional inclusion and exclusion criteria will be reviewed at time of screening.

What are the study participants asked to do?

Participants will spend a total of seven nights in the University of Alberta Hospital and make six visits to the research unit. Participants will be asked to take a new oral medication. Participants will undergo several monitoring tests (vital signs, ECG, blood and urine sampling).

Are participants compensated?

Participants will be compensated at a rate of \$20/hour for a maximum of 244 hours for their involvement in the study.

Who can I contact for more information?

You may call 780-407-2965 or email kate.bailey@capitalhealth.ca to learn more about the study.

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Olympic triple jump champ Christian Olsson of Sweden will miss the Beijing Games after reinjuring his thigh at a meet yesterday. **REUTERS**

Beijing Games

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Sprinter Ottey fails to qualify

ATHLETICS Jamaican-born sprinter Merlene Ottey has failed in her final attempt to achieve the 100 metres qualifying time that would have enabled her to become the first track and field athlete to compete in eight Olympic Games.

Ottey, 48, finished second at a meeting in the Slovenian city of Maribor yesterday, said Robert Rudelic of the Athletic Club Poljane.

She missed the qualifying time by 28 hundredths of a second.

Diego ignores team's warning

SOCCER Werder Bremen playmaker Diego defied orders from his Bundesliga club and left Germany yesterday to join Brazil's Olympic team, following the footsteps of Schalke 04 defender Rafinha who went absent without leave on Monday.

Sporting director Klaus Allofs announced the club would take action after warning Diego he would not be released, even though FIFA said clubs must release under-23 players for the Olympics soccer tournament.

Crackdown on replica guns

BEIJING China has launched a one-month crackdown on the production and sale of replica guns as an added security measure in the lead-up to next month's Games, state media reported yesterday. **REUTERS**

Sports in brief

CITY LIFE Beijing will plant more than 40 million potted flowers around Olympic venues and city streets, Xinhua news agency said yesterday.

TICKETS Beijing will put 820,000 Olympic tickets on sale at booths scattered around Olympic venues on Friday, Games organizers said. **REUTERS**

Tomorrow's lineup

TEAM CANADA For more on today's announcement on who will be carrying our flag and representing our country at the Games, read tomorrow's Metro.

15 days remain until the official start of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.

Full team ahead

First time Canada will send six to compete in triathlon

ANDREA WOO
for Metro Canada

For the first time since the triathlon's debut at the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Canada will be sending a full team of six — three men, three women — to compete on the world stage in the endurance sport of running, cycling and swimming.

Colin Jenkins found out he made the men's team after the 2008 world championships in Vancouver, where he placed 55th and was named to the team by Triathlon Canada's high-performance committee. This will be the Hamilton, Ont., native's Olympic debut.

"They called us up into the hotel room one by one and told us whether we made it or not, and luckily they said that I did make it," he said. "My whole family was there so I went back down to my room and we celebrated. I was really happy. It's pretty amazing to have something that you've worked hard for so long and to finally achieve it."

For Montreal's Kathy Tremblay, who was appointed to the women's team that same day, competing in the Olympics was never a matter of if, but when.



Canadian gold medalist Simon Whitfield prepares to test the waters of English Bay in May to promote the 2008 Vancouver Triathlon World Championships.

"I never had any plan B," said the 26-year-old. "I've only had plan A, which was going to the Olympics. I always knew I was going to Beijing, so now it's like, thank God, I can say I'm go-

ing there, not soon or 'I just need to wait.'"

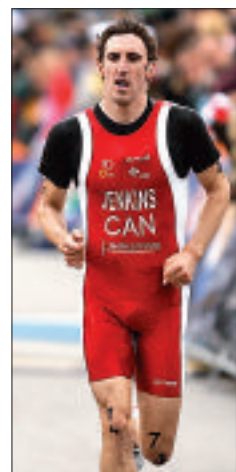
Tremblay is the top-ranked Canadian in the World Cup rankings at No. 14.

The other triathletes Canada will be sending are Simon Whitfield of Victoria, Paul Tichelaar of Edmonton, Lauren Groves of Vancouver, and Carolyn Murray of St. Albert, Alta.

In early June, it was announced the men would implement a team strategy where Jenkins and Tichelaar would work to

get Whitfield — the 2000 Summer Games gold medalist and a real contender again this time around — back on the podium.

Coach Joel Filliol told media in a conference call in June that it was in the team's best interest to have each athlete play to their strengths. Jenkins, for example, has a background in swimming and is exceptionally strong in the discipline. Filliol added there would be no such strategy for the women's team.



Colin Jenkins runs during the final laps of the 2008 BG Triathlon World Cup in Vancouver's Stanley Park.



Kathy Tremblay smiles at the 2008 BG Triathlon World Cup finish line after completing the gruelling race.

The team is currently training six or seven days a week. It will head to Beijing on Aug. 12, leaving six days for its members to adjust to the climate and time zone change before the triathlon event begins on Aug. 18.

"I don't want to be the tourist going to Beijing, going to the McDonald's," said Tremblay with a laugh. "I really want to perform there and give my all, then come back home and say, 'I enjoyed that,' and plan another in four years in London."

U.S. team bringing 'top secret' masks to Beijing

Along with their array of world champions and specially imported food, the U.S. Olympic team will be bringing a "top secret" weapon to China: Custom-designed masks.

The more than 600 U.S. Olympians will be offered the masks once they arrive in Beijing, where air quality continues to be a con-

cern. The program to develop the masks has been underway for two years. The project's author, physiologist Randy Wilber, told the Wall Street Journal that details were "quite honestly, top secret."

The spectre of hundreds of athletes parading into the opening ceremony arrayed as if ready for chemi-

cal warfare is a serious nightmare for Chinese officials. But America's cloak-and-dagger tone only amuses Canada's top Olympic doctor Robert McCormack.

"The way they're couching makes it sound as if they have something magical," he said.

McCormack speculated that the U.S. plan, and the

timing of its release, might be a case of gadget one-upmanship between teams.

"There's the games before the Games," McCormack said. "You want to be seen to be doing something more than anybody else."

Nonetheless, Canada has a parallel program.

"We have done a fair amount of work experi-

menting with different masks," McCormack said. Along with the team's other essential supplies, a shipment of Canadian masks have already landed in Beijing. Though the athletes will not wear them during competition, they might consider using them when moving around outdoors. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Cycling

France's Cyril Dessel won the 16th stage of the Tour de France yesterday but Luxembourg's Frank Schleck retained the overall leader's yellow jersey. **REUTERS**

Sports

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Carcillo re-signs

The Phoenix Coyotes re-signed left winger Daniel Carcillo, left, to a two-year contract, the team announced yesterday. Carcillo, 23, registered 13 goals and 11 assists in 57 games last season and broke the Jets/Coyotes franchise rookie-mark with 324 penalty minutes. **Metro News Services**



Favre to Argos? Don't bet on it!

YorkReport

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Brett Favre, the message on my voice mail insisted, is mulling over an offer from the Toronto Argonauts that would make him not only the quarterback of the CFL team but also its part-owner.

"Is your source good?" Argos general manager Adam Rita asked. "Who is it?"

"Don't know," I replied. "He didn't identify himself. He said he'd lose his job if he were exposed. He said you and (Argos co-owner) David Cynamon have been talking to Favre's agent for more than a week."

"Great story, eh?" Rita responded. "Hell of a story ... But not true."

The Argos have had no contact with Favre or his agent, Rita said. And Favre's agent, **Bus Cook**, concurred when I spoke with him via telephone yesterday.

So someone's a liar — probably the dude who left the anonymous message — but genuine blockbuster stories have been leaked to me this way in the past and it would've been irresponsible for me not to at least

check. And if Favre happens to join the Argos, I'll still brag that I let you know about it first.

In the meantime, while Favre presumably continues to try to resume his illustrious career with the Green Bay Packers or some other NFL club and while I continue to do my due diligence on behalf of Metro readers throughout Canada, the Argos will just have to continue with **Kerry Joseph** as their QB.

Until last Sunday, that was problematic. Despite

being chosen the CFL's outstanding player as the Saskatchewan Roughriders' QB last season, and despite being traded to the Argos in a hyped deal that hiked his salary and heightened

expectations, Joseph struggled and the Argos won only one of three games. Last Sunday, however, Joseph sparked in a dramatic victory over the Edmonton Eskimos and turned in a gem unlike any by an Argos QB since **Doug Flutie** last decade. Because of Joseph's last-minute heroics, the Argos are tied atop the CFL East at 2-2.

This Sunday, Joseph will visit the franchise that

deemed him unworthy of the raise he sought.

"I'm sure Kerry's psyched up," Rita acknowledged, "but more about winning than playing his former team." The Riders are 4-0, but Rita said: "There isn't much difference in this league between a 4-0 team and an 0-4 team."

Toronto Argonauts GM Adam Rita

And his name isn't Brett Favre. Not yet, anyway.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

Chargers' Castillo signs 7-year deal

NFL The San Diego Chargers have signed defensive end Luis Castillo to a new seven-year contract, locking him up through the 2014 season. Castillo was selected in the first round (28th overall) by San Diego in the 2005 NFL Draft. He has 13 sacks in 36 career games — 33 stars.



Castillo

Bombers lose Simpson for year

CFL Winnipeg Blue Bombers linebacker Barrin Simpson will require season-ending surgery to repair a torn pectoral muscle.

The injury was sustained during the fourth quarter of Friday's 27-18 loss to B.C. when Simpson tackled Lions' receiver Clarence Coleman.

Prior to the injury, the six-time CFL all-star had never missed a game in seven-plus seasons in the league.

Astros acquire Wolf from Padres

MLB The Houston Astros acquired pitcher Randy Wolf from the San Diego Padres yesterday in exchange for minor-league pitcher Chad Reineke.

Wolf is 6-10 with a 4.74 earned run average in 21 starts for the Padres this season. The left-handed 10-year veteran owns an 84-76 record with a 4.30 ERA in 233 career games (229 starts) with Philadelphia, the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Padres.

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Lind lifts Jays to win

BLUE JAYS 10 ORIOLES 8

MLB Adam Lind highlighted a 14-hit attack with four of his own, including a go-ahead three-run home run in the sixth, as the Toronto Blue Jays won down the Baltimore Orioles 10-8 last night at Camden Yards.

Lind finished 4-for-5 with two runs scored and John McDonald made the

most of his 1-for-3 night with four RBIs for the Blue Jays, who inched ahead of Baltimore into fourth place in the American League East.

Jesse Carlson was the benefactor of the offensive onslaught, pitching 1 1/3 scoreless frames. B.J. Ryan yielded one run but held on for his 19th save.

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						Pittsburgh at Houston, 12:05



Novak Djokovic of Serbia serves to Frank Dancevic of Niagara Falls, Ont., last night at the Rogers Cup tennis tournament in Toronto. Djokovic won 6-4, 6-4.

Djokovic blows past Dancevic

TENNIS World No. 3 Novak Djokovic opened the defence of his Rogers Cup title in impressive style with a 6-4, 6-4 win over Canadian Frank Dancevic last night.

The Australian Open champion was joined in the third round by sixth seeded American Andy Roddick, who launched his hardcourt campaign earlier in the day with a battling 6-1, 6-7, 6-3 win over Frenchman Nicolas Mahut.

World No. 1 Roger Federer

and Wimbledon champion Rafael Nadal open their accounts today after receiving first-round byes in the Toronto event.

Playing in his first event since a second-round loss to Marat Safin at Wimbledon, Djokovic took a little time to shake off the rust but soon got into his stride and broke Dancevic, a native of Niagara Falls, Ont., to take the opening set.

The 21-year-old Serb recorded an early break in

the second to push 4-2 ahead but then wobbled as Dancevic, urged on by a raucous home crowd, staged a late rally by breaking back and holding serve.

But Djokovic responded with another decisive break to seal the match in 77 minutes.

"I was aware he had nothing to lose, the big Canadian hope playing in front of his crowd with big support," said Djokovic.

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Sports in brief

SOCCER The Montreal Impact are into the CONCACAF Champions League after earning clinching the Nutrilite Canadian Championship last night with a 1-1 road draw against Toronto FC.

NBA The New Jersey Nets shipped point guard Marcus Williams to Golden State yesterday in exchange for future draft considerations. Williams was selected 22nd overall by the Nets in the 2006 NBA draft.

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Controlling leaks

IN CANADA, we associate each of the seasons with something we enjoy. The scenic transformations of fall precede winter on the ski slopes, and calming spring showers give way to a lush and vibrant summer.

However, for some Canadians, a season defined by frequent rain falls can cause a lot of headaches, with leaky ceilings resulting in damage to their homes.

To help you through the storm, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) offers guidelines on how to find the source of your leak.

If you have a water-soaked ceiling, the first thing you should do is to figure out where the leak is coming from. In most cases this requires taking a trip up to your attic.

When in the attic, make sure you walk (or crawl) only on the wooden joists or trusses to avoid putting your foot through the ceiling below.

To find the leak, first use a tape measure to determine the approximate distance, and direction, between where the water is leaking through the ceiling and the attic entrance.

Then go up to the attic and measure the same distance along the same direction from the attic entrance to locate the approximate area where the leak is occurring through the ceiling below.

You may want to lift the insulation in the area to ensure that water is not just pooling in this area having run from some other location.

Water can run along the attic floor from another location far away from the leakage point through the ceiling.

Note: If you know or suspect you have vermiculite insulation, CMHC recommends that you not disturb the insulation as it may contain asbestos. Contact a qualified asbestos abatement contractor to determine the best way to proceed.

Once you determine the leakage area, check for leaks in the roof above, and pay particular attention to common suspects such as the chimney, plumbing vents, attic vents and roof flashing.

CMHC

The right home builder

Choosing a travel companion on the road to building your new home

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for Source Media Group



IT'S BEEN SAID that among the many purchases you will make in your lifetime, buying a home can only result in two scenarios: fulfillment of a life-long dream or a nightmare from which there is no escaping. Choosing who accompanies you on your homebuilding journey will make the difference.

"There's no reason for a homebuyer not to be a better consumer. They should invest some time researching a home builder," says Grant Ainsley, executive officer of the Canadian Home Builders Association—Alberta (CHBA-Alberta).

Building a home and making sure you've covered all the details can seem like a daunting task.

Many organizations, including the Alberta New Home Warranty Program (ANHWP) and the Canada Housing and Mortgage Corporation (CMHC) have simplified the home buying and building process through comprehensive, consumer-friendly guides made available to the public either at their offices or through their websites.

Buyers should make some qualifying decisions on their own even before they choose a home builder.

A lot depends on where you choose to live, your lifestyle and the kind of home you envision yourself in.

This list can form the basis of questions when you begin to narrow down your search.

Home shoppers should be aware their relationship with a builder can span a length of time, beginning from the planning, through building and beyond the possession date.

"For this reason, the choice of who to build with is one of the most critical decisions a homebuyer makes," says Sky Wensel, president and CEO of the Alberta New Home Warranty Program (ANHWP). One way to trim down your choice of



Home shoppers should be aware their relationship with a builder can span a length of time, well beyond possession date.

builder is by checking or calling your local home builder's association.

Member builders of the Calgary Region Home Builder's Association (CRHBA), for instance, must carry a third-party warranty and must conform to the CRHBA's code of ethics. "Any reputable builder or renovator will supply the information in terms of references and contacts so buyers can do their homework," says Donna Moore, executive officer of the CRHBA.

A buyer has the right to ask questions, no matter how small or inconsequential it may seem. Ask about a builder's history, experience, how many homes they have built, and if they are in the business for the long haul.

Verify if they are also

members of reputable organizations such as the Canadian Home Builders' Association (CHBA), or if they offer service warranties from warranty providers like ANHWP. If the builder seems reluctant to supply you with answers, move on to the next.

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"Look into a builder's background such as if they have won service awards. Generally, these are builders with few consumer complaints," says

Wensel. So now you've narrowed your choices as to builder and community. Visit the builder's show homes. As you go through the model homes, quality check the soundness of construction, workmanship and attention to detail.

Ask about energy efficiency, use of space, extras and upgrades, and even the layout of the home.

Most builders will provide potential buyers a comprehensive brochure of specifications, materials, and renderings of the community and their show homes.

Time and again it's been said that no matter how you like the product, part of the selling process is the way a salesperson handles your questions.

"One thing buyers need

to ask is what type of service and how it will be provided over the course of the construction and building process," says Moore.

Sometimes, confusion sets in when buyers come away with different expectations.

To avoid this and other future conflict, confirm everything in writing. You should be able to discuss openly everything that concerns you, such as future modifications to the floor plans, pre-construction meetings, quality control, after sales service and warranty, etc.

The builder should also be able to provide you with a written contract. If the builder refuses or tells you he cannot, it may be time to look elsewhere.

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Exotic elements

Urban space transforms into lush landscape

Once upon a time, a string of plastic Tiki lights could pass for tropical outdoor décor. But those days are long over.

In fact, achieving an exotic-flavoured landscape nowadays is more of an exercise in winnowing out the many style elements on the market that only tangentially relate to the desired look.

Stick to dark-stained wood furniture and structures and overscale planters, then add subtle touches like a low-key water feature and a Buddha made from stone or wood.

Take a pass on cushions or other textiles that are overly bright or loud (kitschy palm-tree prints are definitely not what you're after). When it comes to plants, the bigger, the better — fast-growing, large-leaved banana plants are increasingly available from local nurseries, and look great in containers.

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Above, the San Cristobal from Summerwood Products is an elegant structure that can be used as a gazebo, home office, cabana, spa enclosure and more. The company offers prefab kits built to specification for a variety of outdoor structures; see www.summerwood.ca. Right: look for Buddha heads or statues in wood or stone — metal versions can be a bit too jarring for this look. Far right, take inspiration from this image from Thailand, and float blossoms in containers for a special occasion.



Above, the Bali Tea House from Summerwood Products is a majestic structure that can be used as a gazebo, home studio or spa enclosure. For more details, visit www.summerwood.ca.



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Mini to the max

Expansive Clubman doesn't cramp the funk

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There's no question the Mini has a lot of appeal going for it. Lots of people find it hard to resist the Mini's combination of compact size, funky styling and frugal fuel consumption.

But, if the only thing keeping you out of a Mini until now was its lightness

on practicality, then deny yourself no more.

The new Clubman "wagon" is Mini's response to those who viewed it as a fun-to-drive little car but felt it came up a bit short on interior space.

Compared with the original Mini hatchback, the Clubman sits on a three-inch longer wheelbase and adds almost ten inches of overall body length. These



stretches not only make the two-passenger rear seat more habitable but also put 63 per cent more cargo room behind the back seats.

And a rear-hinged "suicide" type rear half-door on the passenger side and a pair of swing-out rear doors

make it very easy to get in to the rear compartment or stash some stuff in the back.

Like the regular Mini hatchback, the Clubman comes in Cooper and Cooper S flavours. Like its hatchback counterpart, the entry-level Cooper, which starts at \$26,400, gets its power from a 118 horsepower, 1.6-litre four-cylinder engine.

The more potent Cooper S, with a \$31,500 starting price, draws its extra punch from a 172 hp turbocharged version of the same 1.6-litre four. Standard manual and optional automatic transmissions are both six-speed units.

In the case of the Clubman, more weight (roughly 80 kg) and that longer wheelbase may slightly dampen the Mini's legendary agility, but there's

2008 Mini Clubman Cooper

Type: Subcompact 4-pass. wagon FWD
Price: \$26,400
Engine: 1.6L L4 DOHC
HP: 118 @ 6,000 rpm
Torque: 114 @ 4,250 rpm

Highlights

- BMW-bred engineering and safety
- Extra rear-seat legroom
- Cargo space

still plenty to spare for making it a blast to drive.

Likewise, only a stopwatch is likely to notice the slight decrease in zero to 100 km/h acceleration.

Along with all of the Mini's major mechanical bits, the Clubman inherits the interior that endeared the hatchback to so many of



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its owners. The dash and centre console area is peppered with clear, round dial shapes, dominated by a big central speedometer complete with an array of secondary control switches.

The same funky toggle switches are also retained, along with a large and legible rev counter atop the steering column.

With seats just as comfortable and supportive as those in the regular Mini, the interior is decently habitable, but the real bonus can be found in the Clubman's 930 litre cargo capacity — enough space to swallow a mountain bike, camping gear or what have you.

If you like the Mini's style but need rear-seat room and/or cargo space, then the Clubman may just be your cup of tea.

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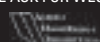
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Could this mean Citroëns, Vauxhalls and Peugeots prowling our streets? It's too early to tell, but the amendment would mean one global bumper design for North American and European market vehicles.



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Hotel Karl

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Best freebies for travellers

Travelandleisure.com has come up with a list of the world's best free stuff.

1 Free sightseeing: Get the inside track on a city from someone who knows it best — a local. These volunteers want to show off their town, and won't demand a tip. Greeters can be scheduled in advance via e-mail or phone.

2 Free bicycles: Zip around town on two wheels. In Copenhagen, Zurich, Bern, and Helsinki, you can borrow a bicycle from stands stationed around the city. Each program requires a nominal deposit which is returned after your ride.

3 Free podcasts: Download podcasts to your MP3 player. In Europe, Rick Steves will guide you through the Louvre, Versailles, the Coliseum, the Sistine Chapel, the Uffizi Gallery, and other sites. Zevit has free downloadable audio guides to scores of European cities. Open House

New York also offers free podcasts of notable buildings.

4 Free public transport: In Europe, 27 InterCity Hotels throughout Germany and one in Vienna offer free local public transportation to guests, while visitors to New York can't beat the spectacular view of the skyline during the 25-minute ride on the (free) Staten Island Ferry.

5 Free accommodation: Hotels are expensive. Try living in someone else's home while they live in yours. List your house or apartment on a vacation-exchange site like Only in America or Home Exchange Network.

6 Free museums and zoos: Some of the world's top museums don't charge a cent. The national museums and galleries in England, Scotland, and Wales are free. In Washington, D.C., admission to all 19 Smithsonian museums and the National Zoo is free. **REUTERS**



At the Iwahig prison some inmates are allowed to bring along their families to live with them.

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Prison break

Want to get away from it all? Visit a Filipino penitentiary

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A popular tourist zone in the Philippines, Palawan is home to world-class diving, a UNESCO-protected underground cave — and the Iwahig Prison/Penal Farm.

It's an open-air penitentiary that is both working institution and tourist attraction.

With some 3,000 prisoners living in this "prison without walls," tourists are welcome to browse and buy handicrafts made by inmates.

This unusual place opened in 1904 and was intended to isolate "the worst and incorrigible" offenders on this small island.

Today, Iwahig prison is divided into four sub-

colonies with 133 inmates in maximum security, 2,220 in medium and 769 in minimum security. Inmates work in "agro-industries," toiling away under the afternoon sun in what looks like a farming community. Some of the convicts are even allowed to live there with their families!

There are no visible walls, barbed wire fences or guards with guns, only hectares of rice paddies with men hard at work. It would be difficult for any prisoner to arrange for transport off the island and head counts are conducted regularly. Thus, escape attempts are rare.

I find myself at the entrance of the prison, trying to talk to Ramirez, the security guard, into letting our team film inside the prison. Our tourist group had come to Palawan specifically to film this place.

The guard says I can enter as a tourist and check out the souvenir shop, but

no cameras are allowed. Stonewalled, I concede, and hop in our vehicle for a quick drive through the premises.

Groups of unconfined inmates are weeding by hand in fields.

The colour of their t-shirts indicate the status of their sentences: brown for minimum security, blue for medium, and orange (which tourists don't see because they are kept in a conventional prison with armed guards) for maximum security inmates.

On the way to the souvenir shop, we drive through a quaint suburb that houses the prison staff, with a primary school, a little market and a groomed tennis court.

I hop out of the car to check out the goods. Though authorities claim the handicrafts are made by prisoners, I'm convinced they were made in China.

Cheap necklaces, turtle-shaped ashtrays, woven

baskets and ... wooden nunchuks? Selling weapons at a prison is probably not the greatest of ideas.

Outside the shop, business transactions with inmates is an official no-no. Had I known this, I wouldn't have purchased a most unusual souvenir.

I'm seated in the back of the car. A medium security inmate approaches the driver's side with something under his shirt.

Turns out, inmates are clandestinely selling their prison uniforms to tourists. I watch as the driver and the inmate negotiate an illegal transaction.

It has the secrecy of a drug deal, except the only thing I score is cotton. This blue t-shirt, inscribed with the Iwahig logo, costs me the equivalent of \$5.

The trade happens so fast, I'm left with a strange token of my trip and uneasy feelings about the underground economy I'd just supported.

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Little Britain star harassed

A woman has admitted in court to harassing Little Britain star David Walliams over a four-year period. Sarah Bartholomew, 29, from Essex, England, will remain in custody while psychiatric experts decide what form of hospital treatment she needs. **BBC NEWS ONLINE**

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Entertainment

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**Last laughs**

Comedian Jay Leno will host his last Tonight Show May 29, NBC has said. Replacement Conan O'Brien will start the following Monday, June 1.

BBC NEWS ONLINE

When slackers refuse to grow up

Comedy Step Brothers exposes enabling parents, middle-aged moochers

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

It's not easy being parents. But imagine if you were the parents of two slackers who never grew up. Now imagine if those spoiled delinquents were fortysomethings Will Ferrell and John C. Reilly.

This is exactly the dramatic predicament both Richard Jenkins and Mary Steenburgen face as enabling on-screen parents to the middle-aged moochers in the new comedy Step Brothers. Sure, a pair of quarrelling fortysomething stay-at-home adults sounds like a ludicrous premise for a movie but it might not be that far-fetched a scenario after all.

"We looked into it and it turned out it was a real dynamic going on," says director Adam McKay. "The increase in adults living at home has gone up drastically in the last ten years and we were like, 'Oh my God, this is actually real!'"

It sure is. In fact, according to a recent Statistics Canada study, over 43 per cent of Canadian young



Actors John C. Reilly, left, and Will Ferrell star as a pair of fortysomething stay-at-home adults in the new film Step Brothers.

adults under the age of 29 were still living with their parents, up significantly from only two decades previous. Step Brothers isn't just joking around — it's exposing a burgeoning sociological problem.

Unlike the film, most "boomerang" adults who move back in with parents are primarily university students battling a mountain of debt. But those aren't the only financial difficulties keeping adults at home. Even if people manage to start working,

entry-level positions don't even guarantee a salary anymore. As the Boston Globe's career columnist Penelope Trunk recently wrote, "the rise of the prestigious but unpaid internship intersects perfectly with the rise of the boomeranger."

Sure, living with parents isn't a matter of choice for many but as the title of one of Trunk's articles shows ("Believe it or not, moving back home is now in"), this trend could affect attitudes toward the acceptable age

for leaving home. Is it 25? How about 40?

Either way, while McKay insists the movie is just a zany comedy, its

subtle message about parents enabling their children is definitely not lost on Step Brothers' on-screen parents.

"The increase in adults living at home has gone up drastically in the last ten years."

director Adam McKay

"There's a little part of me that finds this a dream situation believe it or not," admits Steenburgen. "Thankfully I have, by some miracle, well-adjusted children that actually wanted to leave me."

Jenkins agrees. "I could've kept (my kids) around a few more years. It'd been OK with me." "With the price of gas," interjects Steenburgen. "Nobody's going to be leaving (home) soon anyway."

Batman star denies allegations

Actor Christian Bale, star of The Dark Knight, yesterday denied allegations of assault made by his mother and sister after he was questioned by London police.

The 34-year-old spent several hours at a London police station before being released without charge, his U.S.-based spokeswoman Jennifer Allen said. "Christian Bale attended a London police station today, on a voluntary basis, in order to assist with an allegation that had been made against him to the police by his mother and sister," Allen said in a statement.

"Mr. Bale, who denies the allegation, co-operated throughout, gave his account in full of the events in question, and has left the station without any charge being made against him by the police."



Christian Bale

Bale facts

- A martial arts enthusiast and environmental campaigner, Bale has also appeared in Batman Begins, American Psycho and Empire of the Sun.

well-known personalities.

A spokeswoman for the studio behind the film, Warner Bros. Pictures, which is part of Time Warner Inc., declined to comment on the situation.

The arrest follows allegations of assault made by Bale's mother and sister in relation to an incident at his London hotel suite late on Sunday, according to British media reports.

Welsh-born Bale was in London for the European premiere of The Dark Knight, which also stars the late Heath Ledger as the Joker.

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The Dark Knight.

Dark Knight earns \$199M

It turns out Batman is more of a superhero than first thought.

The latest installment in the Caped Crusader franchise, *The Dark Knight*, enhanced its status as the biggest movie opening of all time at the North American box office, according to final data issued on Monday by its distributor, Warner Bros. Pictures.

The film grossed \$158.355 million during its first three days of release across the United States and Canada — a \$3 million improvement over Sunday's estimate from the Time Warner Inc.-owned studio.

It's not unusual for final weekend data to veer slightly from the initial estimate. In the case of *The Dark Knight*, some rival studios had suggested Warner Bros. was a little optimistic, though no one really doubted that it would beat the opening-weekend record of \$151.1 million set by *Spider-Man 3* in May 2007.

The Dark Knight collected \$41.3 million in ticket sales from 20 foreign markets bringing its worldwide total to \$199 million.

REUTERS

In brief

LOS ANGELES Miley Cyrus, the teen sensation of Disney Channel's *Hannah Montana* hit TV show, is growing up, releasing a new album called *Breakout*, and hoping her millions of young fans will come along for the ride. "It's grown up. I wrote all the songs except two," said Cyrus, 15, of the new album, the first that does not play on her squeaky-clean *Hannah Montana* persona. The bubbly pop CD was released today and is expected to storm record charts in N. America. **REUTERS**

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From runway to movie

Project Runway winner Christian Siriano is set to design a collection that will be showcased in the upcoming kid romp *Eloise in Paris*, starring newcomer Jordana Beatty as the Plaza-bred youngster and Uma Thurman as her ever-proper Nanny. **E! NEWS ONLINE**



Boy meets girl, music is born

BRIAN TOWIE
Metro Canada

A demure Hollywood starlet and a disheveled troubadour: An unlikely duo, but then She & Him does like to transcend convention.

"She" is actress and pin-up girl Zoëy Deschanel, notorious for her roles in the Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy and M. Night Shyamalan's *The Happening*. "Him" is indie-folk songwriter M. Ward, better known for his 2006 album *Post-War*, 2005's *Transistor Radio* and his cameos on recordings by Norah Jones and Cat Power.

Together, they have embarked on their first tour for debut Vol. 1, a twangy, dreamy, analog work with 1960s girl pop undertones, with a selection of cover songs such as The Beatles' *I Should Have Known Better*

and Smokey Robinson and The Miracles' *You Really Got A Hold On Me* (a track the Fab Four covered themselves in 1963).

Ward says his songwriting and production experience and Deschanel's smooth, glossy vocals compliment each other, and her star power affords him the opportunity to keep a svengali-like lower profile.

"I'm more than happy to share the stage with Zoëy. I'm often not at my best in

"She's fearless and enthusiastic, and she probably has more of a connection to music than she does to acting."

Musician M. Ward

the front and it's nice to be able to return to the background," he said. "She's fearless and enthusiastic, and she probably has more of a connection to music than she does to acting."

The pair met on the set of the 2007 indie film *The Go-Getter*, in which Deschanel starred and the two sang a Richard and Linda Thompson song *When I Get To The Border* for the ending credits.



"She" is actress Zoëy Deschanel and "Him" is indie-folk songwriter M. Ward — the duo that make up *She & Him* and just released their new record yesterday.

Ward soon discovered that songwriting was a secret passion for Deschanel and that she had a litany of original tracks on her home computer, tunes she reluctantly submitted to him. Ward liked what he heard, and the duo came together to record. "It was easy to do because her melodies were so good," he

said, adding they're currently at work on Vol. 2.

Ward, however, does admit the duet faces the "actor band" stigma, often credited to (or blamed on, depending on whom you talk to) such vanity projects as Jared Leto's *30 Seconds To Mars*, Keanu Reeves' *Dogstar*, and Russell Crowe's *30 Odd Foot*

Of Grunts.

"It can be a huge distraction when you're trying to get from point A to B, but we're both pretty good at blocking all of that out," he says.

"All of that doesn't really faze me at all. As a producer, it's my job to beat a clear-cut path to the songs we want to sing."

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WILL RETURN



Beyoncé

Vogue picks up string of top stars

FASHION ROCKS Leave it to Vogue magazine to get the hottest names in music for their Fashion Rocks event in New York on Sept. 5, in-touchweekly.com reports.

This year, singers Beyoncé, Rihanna, Justin Timberlake, Fergie, Mariah Carey, Chris Brown and Keith Urban are set to rock Radio City Music Hall for the big fashion and music spectacle.

The entire show will air on CBS on Sept. 9.

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Nia Vardalos

Vardalos' new film draws Fox

MOVIES Fox Searchlight will distribute *My Life in Ruins*, a romantic comedy starring Nia Vardalos (*My Big Fat Greek Wedding*) in North America, Australia and New Zealand.

The Donald Petrie-directed film, which co-stars Richard Dreyfuss, Harland Williams and Rachel Dratch, centers on a travel guide (Vardalos) who rediscovers her mojo as she leads tourists around Greece. The film is scheduled to be released in 2009.

REUTERS

In brief

PRIMETIME Saturday Night Live veteran Amy Poehler will star on a new NBC comedy series from two of the producers behind the network's popular workplace satire *The Office*, executives said on Monday. Before she signed on as its star, Poehler's yet-to-be-titled new show originally was conceived by NBC as a spinoff of *The Office*.

REUTERS

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critics'corner

CSI: Crime Scene Investigation

Remember when Grissom (William Buntz) found a miniature model of the crime scene du jour ... correct down to the last detail? That crime remains unsolved, and in this episode, he's working a new murder when lo and behold, here's a miniature replica of this crime scene. Stay tuned for the latest spinoff in the franchise: "CSI: Twilight Zone." Just kidding, but you gotta admit this is spooky. 5 PM on SPIKE



Dirty Jobs

This episode about tanning is absolutely disgusting, even if you're not a member of PETA. But if you wear leather shoes or have a fondness for biker jackets, you know the cowhide had to come from somewhere. Here, viewers get to witness how leather is fashioned. Just be sure to have your finger hovering over the "previous channel" button on your remote control. 6 PM on DISC

Estelle Getty, star of the TV show *The Golden Girls*, died at her Los Angeles home yesterday morning, surrounded by family and caregivers. She was 84. TMZ.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Actors Getty confirms split from wife

SEPARATION Actor Balthazar Getty has confirmed reports he has split from his wife Rosetta, amid rumours he is having an affair with actress Sienna Miller, imdb.com reports.

The *Brothers + Sisters* star, 33, was photographed frolicking on a yacht off Italy's Amalfi coast with a topless Miller earlier this month, just days after he denied

he was romantically involved with the *Alfie* star.

But Getty, who has four children with Rosetta, says the photographs have forced him to admit he and his wife are living apart.

In a statement he says, "The breakdown of a marriage is a very difficult and painful experience especially when children are involved."

"In light of the fact that many pictures have surfaced in print and on the Internet which has caused myself and my family great embarrassment, I felt it necessary to at least acknowledge publicly that, yes indeed my wife and I have separated and I will not be commenting any further."

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Madonna nears breakdown?

HEALTH Madonna has sparked fears her turbulent personal life is taking its toll on her health, female-first.co.uk reports. The singer — who is rehearsing for her forthcoming world tour — has reportedly fired two dancers, while her tour manager is allegedly threatening to quit due to her "spectacular mood" swings.

Madonna has been rocked by claims her marriage to Guy Ritchie is in trouble and by allegations she is having an affair with baseball star Alex Rodriguez. Her brother Christopher released a tell-all book about her last week, which is said to have devastated her.

"Madonna is doing less than OK. She has been rehearsing for the tour and she is totally miserable," a source close to the singer revealed to Britain's *The Sun* newspaper.

As Madonna struggles to cope with the stress, she has been diagnosed as anaemic and the usually super-fit star has suffered a knee injury.

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GETTY IMAGES PHOTOS

'K-Fed to blame for Spears' fall'

BOUNCE BACK Britney Spears' problems can be traced back to her introduction to ex-husband Kevin Federline, Dr. Drew Pinsky explains in the new *E! True Hollywood Story* of her life, premiering Friday. "If you take Britney's life and put a moment in time where things started getting bad, it's the moment she got involved with Kevin Federline," Pinsky opines. Spears, 26, seems to have bounced back from her low. She is now recording a new album.

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celebrity brief

Spelling to ink mommy stories

BOOK What's life like for a new mom in 90210? Tori Spelling is ready to dish, People.com reports.

The actress, 35, is reportedly planning a new book — tentatively titled *Mommywood*, which will focus on her life as a Hollywood princess-turned-parent, according to publishers Simon & Schuster.

Spelling's debut effort this year, *sTORI Telling*, spent seven weeks on *The New York Times* best-seller list — and included accounts of her ill-starred first wedding, her

father Aaron's death and the roller-coaster relationship with her mother, Candy.

The new book, already listed on Amazon.com and scheduled to hit the shelves in April 2009, is expected to focus on the birth and growing pains of 1-year-old son Liam and newborn Stella.

She is "doing great," Spelling — who's currently starring in *Tori and Dean: Home Sweet Hollywood* and preparing to reprise her role in the new 90210 — recently told *People*.

And Liam is adjusting to being a big brother.

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Campbell denies hotel damage

PEOPLE Supermodel Naomi Campbell refused to pay a \$400 US bill at a Russian hotel after allegedly burning its silk sheets, imdb.com reports. Campbell stayed at the Ritz Carlton in Moscow with billionaire lover Vladislav Doronin last week.

But Campbell refused to pay a hotel fine after cleaning staff claimed they found holes burnt into the room's silk bedsheets.

A spokesman for Campbell denies she caused damage to hotel property, adding, "She didn't have candles on the sheets. She did not smoke in the hotel room. It is completely untrue."

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celebrity briefs

Longoria is Desperate for kids

TV *Desperate Housewives* star Eva Longoria Parker

has a new project — getting pregnant. *The Daily Mail* reports.

"I can't wait!" the star told

People. Fans will see a different side to her in the show. Her character is about to be a mother-of-two.

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Rock tired of bimbos

RELATIONSHIPS

Kid Rock wishes he could lose his "bimbo attractor," female

first.co.uk reports. Rock, who was previously married to Pamela Anderson, wants to avoid getting romantically involved with vacuous women. The singer started dating Anderson on and off in 2001, and the pair married in 2006. They divorced five months later.

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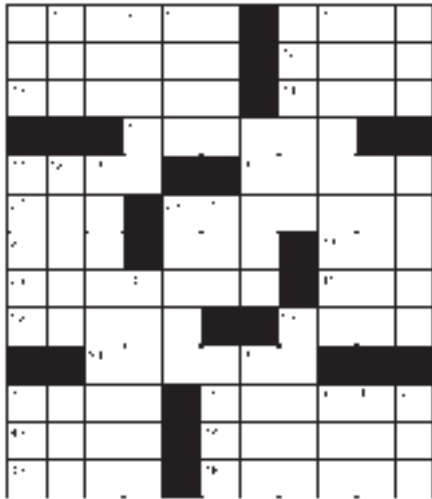
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Marriage Billy Bob Thornton has vowed never to wed again, after five failed attempts at marriage. The 52-year-old actor has been dating Connie Angland — the mother of his three-year-old daughter Bella — for four years. "If we get married, then the press will start calling her 'No. 6,'" he said. **IMDB.COM**



Take Five



Crossword down

- | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Go bad | 24 Puccini opera |
| 2 Common verb | 25 Woolly mother |
| 3 Travel stop | 30 Freebooter |
| 4 Egypt's Anwar | 33 Take by force |
| 5 News article | 35 See the sights |
| 6 Notorious emperor | 36 Dame of comedy |
| 7 Weather map line | 37 Pear-shaped fruit |
| 8 Horror movie sort | 38 Presidential nickname |
| 9 "Viva — Vegas" | 40 Plunked down |
| 10 Conceit | 41 "Sprechen —Deutsch?" |
| 16 Photographer Walker | 42 Throw in |
| 17 Travel stop | |
| 18 Writer Calvino | |
| 19 One bringing up the rear | |
| 21 Artless | |
| 22 Ski resort | |

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Crossword across

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Scone add-in | 23 Baseball's Mel |
| 7 Land in the ocean | 24 Riot queller |
| 11 Florid | 26 Goody stuff |
| 12 Doe's mate | 27 Hold |
| 13 Sore | 28 Gloss target |
| 14 Approximately | 29 Goes by |
| 15 One-celled organism | 31 Time for planning |
| 17 Rainbow maker | 32 Spock specialty |
| 20 White of TV | 33 Carolina bird |

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| 34 Kitchen gadget |
| 37 FDR pooch |
| 39 Black Sea port |
| 43 Skeptic's comment |
| 44 Tacit |
| 45 "Primal Fear" star |
| 46 Was a fink |

previous day's answer



This day in history

JULY 23, 1903: Ford Motor Company sells its first car.
 JULY 23, 1961: Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN) founded in Nicaragua.
 JULY 23, 1984: Vanessa Williams becomes the first Miss America to resign when she surrenders her crown after nude photos of her appeared in Penthouse magazine.
 JULY 23, 1986: In London, Prince Andrew, Duke of York marries Sarah Ferguson at Westminster Abbey.
 JULY 23, 1995: Comet Hale-Bopp is discovered and is visibly seen with a naked eye nearly a year later.

Sudoku

INSTRUCTIONS:

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:

Under 13 Genius
 13-17 Scholar
 17-21 Smart

previous day's answer

7	6	1	4	8	5	3	2	9
2	4	5	7	9	3	1	6	8
9	8	3	2	6	1	4	7	5
4	3	6	8	1	2	9	5	7
5	9	8	6	4	7	2	1	3
1	2	7	3	5	9	6	8	4
6	1	9	5	7	4	8	3	2
3	7	4	1	2	8	5	9	6
8	5	2	9	3	6	7	4	1

21-25 Not bad
 25+ Keep practicing

Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

A joker will keep you distracted. Anxiety has an impact on heroic actions. A friend has the simplest solution.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

Be prepared for your point of view to change. Abandon a losing battle. Mockery won't help when someone is on a rampage.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

Wheeling and dealing won't help you to win friends. Bad taste comes out in the open. Work undercover to figure out tricky problems.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

Don't wear tacky clothes to take a stroll. Take your time to make a choice. A wrongdoer conceals his true feelings.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

Someone's scattered thoughts force a decision. A fussy person will make matters worse. Complainer's failure leads to gossip.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

A telephone call causes a loss of objectivity. An ignored person is prepared for an interruption. Insomnia is a problem for a zesty friend.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

It's time to recover lost support. You must wait for a woman to change her mind. Be candid when you're with a grumbler.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

A crazy person asks for trouble. An alert friend's words will ring true. An eager woman sets out on a splendid journey.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

Become a more reassuring person. A spiteful act is forgiven. Cooperate with a sneaky guy to get ahead.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

Stand firm to lecture a cantankerous person. Don't risk going into frightening places. A late meeting leads to a truce.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

You can inspire agreement if you ask for wisdom. Curiosity is caused by meddling. A trivial incident causes revelations.

PISCES

FEB 19-MAR 20

Ask friends to do some skillful scheduling. Get far away from a tainted situation. Convincing a man makes you define your feelings.

STICKELERS with Terry Stickels

Here is a scrambled quote from Nobel physicist Richard Feynman.

"Fool the to first person principle easiest is that the are you must you and not yourself fool."

Previous Answer

4-6
6-2
0-5
4-3
2-1

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